

BOATER WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

New Information on Operating Around Whales and Increased Law Enforcement this Whale Season



Please join the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary and NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement for a 2-hour workshop designed to help ocean users stay safe and legal during whale season. Vessel-whale collisions occur every year in Hawai'i and are a severe threat to whales and ocean users alike.



The sanctuary will share the latest news, tips, guidelines, and laws concerning ocean user interactions with humpback whales and other marine mammals. In addition, ocean users help us monitor ship-struck, entangled and otherwise injured marine mammals. Learn what you can do to assist trained rescue personnel in helping these distressed animals.

Find out new information on SPLASH and other research projects concerning humpback whales in Hawai'i and other areas of the North Pacific. Fact sheets will be distributed along with a new map showing where humpback whales are most abundant in Hawaiian waters.



NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement, with the support of the U.S. Coast Guard will be increasing their efforts around the Hawaiian Islands this season. They will provide details on these efforts, how to effectively report suspected violations, and what to expect if you become involved in an investigation.

Workshop information will be presented in an informal atmosphere in hopes that island mariners will also share their experience and expertise in whale-safe boating, whale watching, and whale protection in local waters.

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PLEASE JOIN US!

The workshops will be held on the islands of Hawai'i, Kaua'i, Maui and O'ahu.
See the back of this announcement for more details.

Visit us online at hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov

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WORKSHOP SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 2008

Thursday, November 6 - Maalaea, Maui
Maui Ocean Center
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 7 - Lahaina, Maui
Wharf Cinema Center
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 12 - Hawai'i Kai, O'ahu
Sanctury Conference Room
6600 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, 3rd Floor
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 13 - Kapolei, O'ahu
Kapolei Hale, Conference Room A
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18 - Waimea, Kaua'i
West Kaua'i Technology & Visitor Center
Conference Room
9565 Kaumuali'i Hwy.
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Monday, November 24 - Kona, Hawai'i
Kealakehe High School Library
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



Signs posted at harbors remind boaters of the danger of collision during whale season.

Tuesday, November 25 - Hilo, Hawai'i
Mokupapapa Center
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Questions?

Email hihumpbackwhale@noaa.gov or call your local sanctuary office.
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